

Whereas Kazakhstan continues to face political, ethnic, economic, and environmental challenges;

Whereas Kazakhstan plays an important role in Central Asia by virtue of its large territory, ample natural resources, and strategic location;

Whereas the Department of Energy estimates that Kazakhstan has up to 17,600,000,000 barrels of proven petroleum reserves and up to 83,000,000,000 cubic feet of proven natural gas reserves;

Whereas Kazakhstan has successfully partnered with United States companies in the development of its petroleum and natural gas resources;

Whereas in November 2001, the Caspian Pipeline Consortium was inaugurated, providing the first major pipeline to bring the Caspian energy resources to the world market;

Whereas the United States private sector contributed nearly 50 percent of the \$2,600,000,000 Caspian Pipeline Consortium investment;

Whereas Kazakhstan, under the leadership of President Nursultan Nazarbaev, has fully cooperated with the United States on national security concerns, including combating nuclear proliferation, international crime, and narcotics trafficking;

Whereas, since September 11, 2001, cooperation with Kazakhstan and other Central Asian States, specifically Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, has become even more important to the ability of the United States to protect the United States homeland; and

Whereas Kazakhstan has extended all due cooperation to the United States in fighting a war against international terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the people of Kazakhstan and its government, on the tenth anniversary of its independence;

(2) welcomes the partnership between the Government of Kazakhstan and United States companies in developing its natural resources in an environmentally sustainable manner;

(3) applauds the cooperation between the Government of Kazakhstan and the Government of the United States on matters of national security and is grateful for the full cooperation of Kazakhstan in the war against international terrorism;

(4) encourages the Government of Kazakhstan to continue to make progress in the areas of institutionalizing democracy, respecting human rights, reducing corruption, and implementing broad-based market reforms; and

(5) looks forward to further enhancing the economic, political, and national security cooperation between Kazakhstan and the United States.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 195—TENDERING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE COURTEOUS, DIGNIFIED, AND IMPARTIAL MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS PRESIDED OVER THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SENATE**

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 195

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable RICHARD B.

CHENEY, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the first session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 196—TENDERING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FOR THE COURTEOUS, DIGNIFIED, AND IMPARTIAL MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS PRESIDED OVER THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SENATE**

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 196

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable ROBERT C. BYRD, President pro tempore of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the first session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 197—TO COMMEND THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE MAJORITY LEADER**

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 197

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Majority Leader, the Senator from South Dakota, the Honorable THOMAS A. DASCHLE, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the first session of the 107th Congress.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 198—TO COMMEND THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER**

Mr. DASCHLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 198

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Republican Leader, the Senator from Mississippi, the Honorable TRENT LOTT, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the first session of the 107th Congress.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2689. Mr. DASCHLE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2884, An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States, and for other purposes.

SA 2690. Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an

amendment to the bill S. 1214, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to establish a program to ensure greater security for United States seaports, and for other purposes.

SA 2691. Mr. REID (for Mr. ALLEN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1858, to permit the closed circuit televising of the criminal trial of Zacarias Moussaoui for the victims of September 11th.

SA 2692. Mr. REID (for Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GREGG)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3448, to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

SA 2693. Mr. REID (for Mr. BROWNBACK) proposed an amendment to the bill S. Res. 194, congratulating the people and government of Kazakhstan on the tenth anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

SA 2694. Mr. REID (for Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 990, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs, and for other purposes.

SA 2695. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. HELMS)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1803, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes.

SA 2696. Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1637, to waive certain limitations in the case of use of the emergency fund authorized by section 125 of title 23, United States Code, to pay the costs of projects in response to the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City that occurred on September 11, 2001.

SA 2697. Mr. REID (for Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HATCH)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2215, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 2689.** Mr. DASCHLE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2884, an act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States, and for other purposes; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment to the text of the bill, insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; ETC.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Victims of Terrorism Tax Relief Act of 2001”.

(b) **AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; etc.